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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD

SUBJECT: Program for Familiarization of O/NE Personnel with Overseas Areas

The following remarks are pertinent to the subject matter and are submitted in connection with your consideration of Staff Memorandum No. 284, dated 10 November 1952.

1. The problem is to outline a general program for travel overseas by O/NE personnel. We would be ill-advised to commit ourselves in advance to specific trips to be made at definite times.
2. It is the policy of the DD/I to encourage travel abroad by personnel working on area intelligence problems in order that they may re-familiarize themselves with developments in their areas of responsibility by on-the-spot observation.
3. Personnel from other overt offices have done considerable travelling for this purpose during the past two years.
4. O/NE has funds in its budget for such travel but has not scheduled any trips, with one exception a year ago.
5. The various travel programs of the offices in the DD/I area are currently under review. Preliminary consultation with the Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination, who is charged with passing on proposals for travel abroad, indicates that it is very desirable for O/NE to come forward now with a statement of its travel requirements in general terms together with the objectives to be achieved by travel abroad.

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Recommendation

That the Board consider Staff Memorandum No. 284 as a basis for transmitting our proposal for travel abroad during the next twelve to fifteen months.

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